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MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**September 22, 1998
Riverside, California**

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order at 8:02 a.m. on September 22, 1998 at the City Hall City Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street, Riverside California.

The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Robert Wolf, Chairman
 Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman
 Mary Berglund
 Gary Burke
 David Fleming
 Roger Kozberg
 Dana Reed

Members Absent: Octavia Diener
 Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio
 Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

The Commission immediately recessed and convened a closed session pertaining to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1). Chairman Wolf recused himself from the matter to be discussed and Vice Chairman Sylvester presided over the closed session. The regular Commission Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. and Vice Chairman Sylvester reported that no action had been taken in the closed session.

1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.(1) Approval of Minutes for August 19-20, 1998 Meeting

Chairman Wolf presented the minutes for approval. Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

1.(2) Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation

Chairman Wolf presented the List of Meeting for Compensation for approval. Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the List. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

1.(3) Consent Calendar

Deputy Director Robert Chung reported the changes to the Consent Calendar which were as follows:

Item 2.3c was added to the Consent Calendar.

Item 2.4b Resolution of Necessity C-17550 was withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting.

Item 2.4d Director's Deed Item count changed to "Items 1 Through 11".

Item 2.5a Minor Project #5 was withdrawn by the Department due to environmental constraints and Project # 2 description was changed . The total amount of the vote for this item was changed to \$3,701,500 for nine projects.

Item 2.5c.(1) Project #1 allocations were changed. The revised financial vote for this item was \$6,126,000.

Item 2.5c.(3) Local EEM project contribution from others was adjusted to \$443,000.

Item 2.9(1) Technical Change for Resolution FP-94-36 date change on the Agenda Vote List.

Item 2.9(2) Technical Change for Resolution FP-95-22 date change on the Agenda Vote List and the Book Item Attachment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed Potential Consent Calendar Item 2.5b(3) and it was the consensus of the Commission to add this item to the Consent Calendar.

Chairman Wolf requested that item 2.6b(2) be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Commissioner Reed requested that Item 2.6c be removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed when other rail projects were discussed.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the changes. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

Commissioner Reed recused himself and abstained from all discussions and voting on Item 2.6b(2). Proposition 116 Program Manager Sharon Scherzinger reviewed Item 2.6b(2) and noted that staff recommended approval. Commissioner Fleming moved to approve Item 2.6b(2). Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0-1 (Commissioner Diener was absent and Commissioner Reed abstained from voting).

1.(4) Commission Reports

Commissioner Fleming discussed the use of tow trucks on the freeways.

Chairman Wolf requested a progress report on the Airspace Advisory Committee reforms be presented at the October meeting. He also discussed the process for handling multi-parcel Resolution of Necessity hearings and asked Caltrans to develop a means of coordinating special Resolution of Necessity hearings for multi-parcels related to a common corridor project.

ACTION: D. Shields

Chairman Wolf discussed the procedures for allocation and requested that Caltrans prepare a follow-up letter to the Regional Agencies clarifying the Commission's authority to designate the fund type for project allocations.

ACTION: G. Hagan

Chairman Wolf also discussed the use of long-life pavement and asked Caltrans to (1.) prepare a status report on long-life pavement implementation, and (2.) report on those projects grandfathered into the 1998 STIP which did not include long-life pavement cost increments at the time of original programming in earlier STIPs, and determine the total incremental cost on a project-by-project basis to convert to long-life pavement.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

1.(5) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report

Del Pierce, BT&H, presented the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report. He discussed the Transportation Infrastructure Bank, seismic retrofit, and NCRA. He also reported that John Barna was transferring to the High Speed Rail Authority.

1.(6) Caltrans Report

Caltrans Director James van Loben Sels presented the Caltrans Report. He discussed the court ruling for contracting out for seismic retrofit projects, the SF/Oakland Bay Bridge project status, and the lease for the District 12 office building.

1.(7) Regional Agencies Report

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, discussed current activities and concerns of the Regional Agencies.

1.(8) Presentation by Riverside County Transportation Commission and San Bernardino Associated Governments Regarding Local Transportation Programs

The following individuals briefed the Commission on issues and projects in Riverside and San Bernardino counties:

- Judy Davis, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
- Bob Buster, Riverside County Transportation Commission
- William E. Leonard
- Judy Neiberger, Riverside County Board of Supervisors
- Alex Clifford, Riverside City Council
- Norm King, SANBAG
- Max Gillis, former Riverside County Public Works Director
- Jim Venabee, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS

2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals

2.1a. STIP/TCI Amendment for Action

- STIP Amendment 98S-4 - Action Programs \$131,500 in Proposition 108 Bond funds to the City of Santa Clarita's Newhall Intermodal Transportation Center project. The funding source is the State's proportionate share of excess land sale proceeds for right-of-way purchased with Proposition 108 Bond funds allocated in FY 1991-92 for the Saugus Mainline/Los Angeles County Corridor project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the City of Santa Clarita are requesting this amendment.

Executive Director Remen and Deputy Director Dave Brewer discussed the proposed STIP amendment and the issue of how to charge reimbursement against the new project and the impact on Los Angeles' county share. After discussion, Brian Boudreau, LACMTA, reported that he was not aware the project would count against the county share and asked the Commission to defer action on the item. The Commission agreed to take no action on this item until LACMTA gives further consideration to this matter.

2.1b. STIP Amendments for Notice

- 2.1b.(1) STIP Amendment 98S-5 - Notice**
Increases the programmed amount from \$10,530,000 to \$22,690,000 for an increase of \$12,160,000 for the Sorrento/Miramar project to double track and straighten curves on the Los Angeles to San Diego (LOSSAN) Corridor programmed in the 1998 STIP, and deletes the \$12,160,000 Elvira/Friar project also programmed in the 1998 STIP. The North San Diego County Transit Development Board (NSDCTDB) is requesting this amendment.

Warren Weber, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP amendment. Commissioner Berglund noted that it was a very worthwhile project and recommended that it be on the October Consent Calendar.

- 2.1b.(2) STIP Amendment 98S-6 - Notice**
Increases the programmed amount from \$1,500,000 to \$2,465,000, an increase of \$965,000, and increases the scope of the Power Switches at Oxnard Siding project programmed in the 1998 STIP. This amendment also reduces the programmed amount from \$4,000,000 to \$3,035,000, a reduction of \$965,000, and decreases the scope of the Tunnel 26 Improvements to Raise Speeds project also programmed in the 1998 STIP. The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is requesting this amendment.

Warren Weber, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP amendment. Executive Director Remen commented on the consequences of down-scoping the tunnel. Ginger Gherardi, Ventura Transportation Commission, noted that the agency is fully committed to the tunnel but that the funding was not in place.

- 2.1b.(3)** STIP Amendment 98S-7 - Notice
Reprograms a total of \$27,777,000 from San Diego's 2000 STIP Reserve to a new Mission Valley East Corridor project for final design and right of way acquisition in the 1998-99 fiscal year, thereby reducing San Diego County's 2000 STIP Reserve from \$73,095,000 to \$45,318,000. The San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (SDMTDB) is requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed STIP amendment. Executive Director Remen commented on the need for a letter of No Prejudice from FTA a federal commitment for right-of-way. Susan Brown, MTDB, indicated that information from the federal government would be presented at the October meeting.

ACTION: C. Scott

- 2.1b.(4)** STIP Amendment 98S-8 - Notice
Reprograms a total of \$721,000 from Shasta County's 1998 STIP Short-term Reserve to provide additional funding (\$603,000) to the Balls Ferry Road project, and to provide funding (\$118,000) for Planning, Programming and Monitoring activities not previously programmed in the STIP. The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (SCRTPA) is requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the STIP amendment. Chairman Wolf noted that there was a 50% increase in the project and no explanation was provided. After Mr. Maller answered that Shasta County was adding to scope of work, Chairman Wolf said that book items should do a better explanation of reasons for cost increases.

- 2.1b.(5)** STIP Amendment 98S-9 - Notice
Reduces the programmed amount for construction from \$1,282,000 to \$0 on the Route 5 Hammer Lane Interchange project programmed in the 1998 STIP and places the \$1,282,000 in a Short-term Reserve for San Joaquin County. The removed STIP funds will be replaced with \$882,000 in County of San Joaquin Measure K funds and \$400,000 in State and Local Partnership Program funds. The City of Stockton and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) are requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed STIP amendment.

- 2.1c.** TCI Amendments for Notice

No Items This Month

2.1d. Proposition 116 - Non Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

- 2.1d.(1)** Program Amendment to reprogram cost savings of \$209,900 from the County of Nevada's Ridge Road / Nevada City Highway Bike Lanes project to the Penn Valley Drive Class I Bike Path project. (See related Item 2.6e.)
Resolution PA-98-17 Amending Resolution PA-96-09

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1d.(2)** Program Amendment to reprogram cost savings of \$103,686 from the El Dorado Hills Multimodal Transportation Facility to the El Dorado Trail Bike Path - Highway 50 Crossing project. (See Concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b.(4) and Concurrent Allocation Amendment under Item 2.6e.)
Resolution PA-98-18 Amending Resolution PA-97-17

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1e. Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

- 2.1e.(1)** Project Approval for \$450,000 to Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for San Francisco-Monterey Intercity Rail Service Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment.
Resolution PA-98-19

Sharon Scherzinger, Proposition 116 Program Manager, presented an overview of the project.

Helen Rucher, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Seaside and Chair of TAMC, reviewed the planned intercity rail service.

The Commissioners discussed the intercity rail service and ridership.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the staff recommendations and requested a comparative analysis of dedicated bus service with passenger rail. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Diener and Kozberg were absent).

The following action items resulted from Commission action:

Transmit to TAMC restatement of questions posed by the Commission, including the request for a comparative analysis of dedicated bus service with passenger rail as an additional point prior to applying for any further Proposition 116 funds.

ACTION: R. Chung

Consult with Caltrans Division of Rail in further review of project based on 1992 Feasibility Study and more recent ridership forecast.

ACTION: R. Chung

- 2.1e.(2)** Project Approval Amendment for \$350,000 to Santa Clara County Transit District for Tasman Drive and North First Street Substation Upgrade. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b.(1).)
Resolution PA-98-20 Amending Resolution PA-96-12

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1e.(3)** Project Approval Amendment for \$498,661 to Santa Clara County Transit District for Guadalupe Shelter and Windscreen Retrofit. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b.(1).)
Resolution PA-98-21 Amending Resolution PA-96-12

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1e.(4)** Project Approval Amendment for \$900,000 to Santa Clara County Transit District for Tasman Drive and North First Street Embedded Girder Rail Replacement. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b.(1).)
Resolution PA-98-22 Amending Resolution PA-96-12

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.2 Environmental Matters

2.2a. Comments on Document in Circulation

No Items This Month

2.2b. Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding (Negative Declaration)

- Route 50 in Sacramento County - Improve the Folsom Boulevard Interchange and add auxiliary lanes between Hazel Avenue and Folsom Boulevard, in the City of Folsom.
Resolution E-99-4

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3 Highway Route Matters

2.3a. Route Adoptions

- Adoption of a controlled access highway location for Route 111 in the County of Imperial from Kilometer Post R13.2 at Ross Road to Kilometer Post R35.6 at the easterly Route 78 interchange near the City of Brawley.
Resolution HRA 99-1

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3b. New Public Road Connections -

No Items This Month

2.3c. Eight Relinquishment Resolutions

- 02-Sha-299-28.4 Route 299 in the County of Shasta.
Resolution R-3375
- 03-Gle-32-2.3/3.8 Route 32 in the County of Glenn.
Resolution R-3376
- 03-Gle-32-1.4 Route 32 in the City of Orland.
Resolution R-3377
- 04-Sol-141-0.0/0.5 Route 141 in the County of Solano.
Resolution R-3378
- 08-SBd-215-3.8 Route 215 in the City of Colton.
Resolution R-3379
- 11-SD-54-2.6/2.8 Route 54 in the City of San Diego.
Resolution R-3380
- 11-SD-54-2.8 Route 54 in the City of National City.
Resolution R-3381
- 11-SD-54-2.8/2.9 Route 54 in the County of San Diego.
Resolution R-3382

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3d. Vacation Resolutions

No Items This Month

2.4 Highway Right of Way Matters**2.4a.** Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances

No Items This Month

2.4b. 10 Resolutions of Necessity
C-17540 Through C-17549

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4c. Airspace Lease Direct Negotiation (Sole Source Lease)

No Items This Month

2.4d. Director's Deeds

- Items # 1 Through 11
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$3,383,993
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters**2.5a.** Financial Vote for Minor Projects. Nine Minor projects totaling \$3,701,500 plus \$122,500 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-98-18

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b. Financial Vote for STIP/SHOPP Projects on the State Highway System.**2.5b.(1)** One STIP Project in Placer County on Route 65 for \$135,000.
Environmental Mitigation.
Resolution FP-98-19

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b.(2) Nine SHOPP Projects totaling \$20,837,000 plus \$891,200 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-98-20

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b.(3) One SHOPP Project Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action in Napa County on Route 121 for \$804,000.
Repair Slide Damage.
Resolution FP-98-21

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5c. Financial Vote for STIP/TEA/EEM Projects off the State Highway System**2.5c.(1)** Four Local (RIP) projects totaling \$6,126,000 plus \$6,062,000 in Contributions from Others.
Resolution FP-98-22

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(2)** One Local TEA project for \$550,000 plus \$101,000 in Contributions from Others.
Resolution FP-98-23

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(3)** One Local EEM project for \$250,000 plus \$443,000 in Contributions from Others.
Resolution FP-98-24

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5d.** Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent of Program Amount. One Project at \$6,379,000.
Resolution FP-98-25

- 04-Mrn-101 - SHOPP project in Marin County on Route 101. Modify drainage system. Current programmed value of \$3,690,000 and current estimate of \$6,379,000 for a 72 percent increase over programmed amount.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the project and described the reason for the cost increase. Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve Resolution FP-98-25. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Diener, Fleming, and Kozberg were absent).

- 2.5e.** Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects. Four Projects totaling \$4,518,000.
Resolution FA-98-03

- 04-SCI-280 - STIP Project in Santa Clara County on Route 280. Original vote \$2,802,000. This request of \$608,000 is to allow award, for a grand total of \$3,410,000. 22 Percent increase over Vote. (See related Item 2.5g.)
- 05-SB-1 - SHOPP Project in Santa Barbara County on Route 1. Original vote \$2,100,000, plus \$410,000 of supplemental funds for a current allocation of \$2,510,000. This request of \$740,000 is for an on going project, for a grand total of \$3,250,000. 55 Percent increase over Award.
- 07-LA-110 - SHOPP Project in Los Angeles County on Route 110. Original vote \$2,830,000. This request of \$1,960,000 is to allow re-advertising, for a grand total of \$4,790,000. 69 Percent increase over Vote.
- 11-SD-163 - SHOPP Project in San Diego County on Route 163. Original vote \$1,517,000. This request of \$1,210,000 is to allow award, for a grand total of \$2,727,000. 80 Percent increase over Vote.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the projects and explained why supplemental funds were needed. Vice Chairman Sylvester discussed the supplemental funds for median barriers and requested

Caltrans to report on the potential for pre-fabricated median barriers and include a timeline for the median barriers program in the report.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve Resolution FA-98-03. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Diener, Fleming, and Kozberg were absent).

2.5f. Emergency Allocations

2.5f.(1) Informational Report - Emergency G-11 Allocations
Nine Projects totaling \$9,949,000 Plus Seven Additional
Projects Totaling \$3,660,000 for a total of Sixteen
Emergency Projects Totaling \$13,609,000.

2.5f.(2) Informational Report - Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations
Four Projects totaling \$1,665,382.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the information on the Emergency G-11 and Phase II Seismic Retrofit allocations. The Commission accepted the report and took no further action.

**2.5g. Extension of One-Year Allocation Time Limit for One Project on the
State Highway System.
Resolution FX-98-03**

- 04-SCI-280 - In Santa Clara County on Route 280. Bridge widening project. Original vote date June 5, 1997, previously extended to September 5, 1998, proposed additional award extension date to December 5, 1998. (See related Item 2.5e.)

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, noted that as a result of Commission action on Item 2.5e no further action was needed on this item.

**2.5h. Amendment to Resolution DTP-98-01. Original allocation of \$4,623,000 dated
July 16, 1998. Corrected Allocation of \$5,607,000 to Caltrans for FY 1998-99
Local Assistance Program for the County Transportation Commissions and
Regional Transportation Planning Agencies for Planning, Programming and
Monitoring activities in accordance with Senate Bill 45. (See related Policy
Matter under Item 4.7.)
Resolution DTP-98-02, Amending Resolution DTP-98-01**

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, presented and described the proposed amendment.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Diener, Fleming, and Kozberg were absent).

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

**2.6a. Financial Vote for TCI Program Projects. Three Local TCI Program
Projects totaling \$5,207,000.
Resolution MFP-98-04**

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b. Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Projects**2.6b.(1) Three Local Proposition 116 Rail Projects for \$1,748,700**

- \$350,000 to Santa Clara County Transit District for Substation Upgrade - Tasman Drive and North First Street. (Consistent with concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1e.(2).)
Resolution BFP-98-10
- \$498,700 to Santa Clara County Transit District for Guadalupe Shelter and Windscreen Retrofit. (Consistent with concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1e.(3).)
Resolution BFP-98-11
- \$900,000 to Santa Clara County Transit District for Embedded Girder Rail Replacement. (Consistent with concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1e.(4).)
Resolution BFP-98-12

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b.(2) One Local Proposition 116 Rail Projects for \$500,000

- \$500,000 to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for Metro Rail Red Line Segment 3 (North Hollywood).
Resolution BFP-98-13

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and vote.

Commissioner Reed recused himself and abstained from all discussions on this item.

Sharon Scherzinger, Proposition 116 Program Manager, described the project.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the staff recommendations. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0-1 (Commissioner Diener was absent and Commissioner Reed abstained from voting).

2.6b.(3) State Proposition 116 Rail Projects

No Items This Month

2.6b.(4) One Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Project for \$1,040,686

- \$1,040,686 to County of El Dorado for El Dorado Trail - Highway 50 Crossing. (See Concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1d.(2) and Allocation Amendment under Item 2.6e.)
Resolution BFP-98-14

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6c.** Financial Vote for STIP Rail/Transit Projects. Three STIP Rail/Transit projects totaling \$3,707,000.
Resolution MFP-98-05

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and vote.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Santa Clara and Kings project and to hold over the third Colfax project element until reviewed by the Public Transit Committee. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

- 2.6d.** Financial Vote for Multiple Program Funded Projects

No Items This Month

- 2.6e.** Allocation Amendments for Proposition 116 Projects

- County of Nevada - Reduce amount allocated for the Nevada City Highway Bike Lanes from \$1,345,418 to \$1,135,518, to reflect cost savings of \$209,900. The savings will be reprogrammed to the Penn Valley Drive Class I Bike Path project. (Concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1d.(1).)
Resolution BFA-98-03, Amending Resolution BFP-95-53
- County of El Dorado - Reduce amount allocated for the El Dorado Hills Multimodal Transportation Facility from \$800,000 to \$696,314, to reflect cost savings of \$103,686. The savings will be reprogrammed to the El Dorado Trail Bike Path - Highway 50 Crossing. (Concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1d.(2). and Allocation under Item 2.6b.(4).)
Resolution BFA-98-04, Amending Resolution BFA-97-07 and BFP-95-21

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6f.** SB 2800 Advance Local Match Requests

No Items This Month

- 2.6g.** Allocation of \$45,194,000 in Public Transportation Account funds to the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for intercity rail and feeder bus services on the San Diegan and San Joaquin Routes.
Resolution MFP-98-06

Warren Weber, Caltrans, presented and described the allocation request. Commissioner Reed requested that Caltrans provide a cost-effectiveness comparison, including an analysis of frequency, speed, and reliability, of bus service versus rail service where only one or two trains are operating daily, and present at Commission meeting and at a scheduled meeting of the Public Transit Committee.

ACTION: W. Weber

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

2.7 Aeronautics Financial Matters

Allocation of \$195,000 for FY 1998-99 California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) funds for two projects from the 1998 Aeronautics Program.
Resolution FDOA-98-8

- City of Corona - Corona Municipal Airport in Riverside County
\$109,000 - Slurry Seal Runway 7/25 and Taxiway
- Placer County ALUC - County-wide Airports in Placer County
\$86,000 - Update Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.8 Waiver of Commission Policy

Request from the University of California for Waiver of Financial Guidelines for Local Agency Reimbursement to reduce the local share from \$2,400,000 to \$1,229,758 for the Sedgwick Ranch Preservation Project programmed in the FY 1997-98 Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program, without proportionally reducing the EEM Program funds of \$300,000.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, explained the waiver and asked the Commission to approve it. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the waiver. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Diener, Fleming and Kozberg were absent).

2.9 Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions

- 2.9(1)** Resolution FP-94-36. Originally approved March 29, 1994 for \$1,217,000. Correction in funding year from Fiscal Year (FY) 1995-96 to FY 1997-98 for \$308,000 for the State Parks and Recreation Old Town Entry project. Funding no longer available in original program year to fund reimbursement of eligible project costs.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(2)** Resolution FP-95-22. Originally approved November 28, 1995 for \$3,124,000. Correction in funding year from Fiscal Year (FY) 1995-96 to FY 1998-99 for \$239,000 for the construction of the Imperial Valley College Desert Museum Parking Area project. Funding no longer available in original program year to fund reimbursement of eligible project costs.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

3. PROGRAM STATUS

3.1 Caltrans Monthly FY 1997-98 Finance Report

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, presented the monthly finance report and noted that the cash balance at the end of July 1998 was \$1.59 billion. She also reviewed outstanding commitments, use of federal funding for FFY 1998, and close-out of the FY 1997-98 budget. She noted that Caltrans to draw down \$380 million of advance construction authority in large measure because local agencies used only 41% of federal local assistance funding made available for FFY 1998.

3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the monthly report on 6 projects previously voted but not awarded, noting that bids had come in high on all six. Caltrans had decided to award 3 and was still considering what to do with the other 3.

4. POLICY MATTERS

4.1 State Legislative Matters

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham reviewed the status of bills from the 1997-98 Legislative Session.

4.2 1998 STIP Amendment Procedure

4.2a. Timeline

Chairman Wolf presented the comments from Senator Leslie.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the timelines with the major milestones.

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, discussed issues of concern to the Regional Agencies. The Commissioners discussed the Timeline and took the following actions:

The Commission requested that Ms. McMillan encourage any late submittals of Regional Programs for the update of the 1998 STIP to come in no later than mid-March 1989.

ACTION: T. McMillan

The Commission requested a presentation on the status of the five big bite projects (Route 99/70, Bakersfield 58, Route 905, Monterey Route 101 Prunedale, and Burbank/Glendale Access Improvements).

ACTION: J. Nicholas/Regional Agencies

4.2b. Parameters for 1998 STIP Fund Estimate Amendment

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, discussed the workshop planned for October 14 and reviewed the assumptions to be made in developing the Fund Estimate Account.

4.2c. Review of Interim STIP Guidelines Relative to 1998 STIP

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, reviewed the timelines for amending the Interim STIP Guidelines and discussed the issues to be addressed.

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, discussed the expansion of eligible local streets and roads.

4.2d. Capacity for "State-only" Programming and Funding Amendment Procedure

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, discussed the plans for identifying state-only programming capacity as part of the fund estimate and noted that the intent was to have the draft guidelines by October 1 and ready for discussion at the October 14, 1998 workshop.

4.3 Outline for Commission's 1998 Annual Report to Legislature

Executive Director Remen reviewed the history of the annual report and presented the 1998 Annual Report Outline for review and approval. After discussion, Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the outline with the changes as discussed. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Diener and Kozberg were absent).

4.4 Report on Direct Pay-outs Versus Reimbursements for Grant Projects

Bob Buckley, Caltrans, reported this matter was still under legal review and would be presented to the Commission when the review was complete.

4.5 Discussion and Approval of Commission's Revised TEA Program Design

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway presented an overview of the revised TEA Program design.

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, discussed areas of concern to the Regional Agencies.

Chairman Wolf discussed concerns about the coordination of the TEA and EEM Programs and proposed a TEA Program design which addressed those concerns.

The following individuals presented comments on the revised TEA Program design:

Eric Haley, Riverside County Transportation Commission

Ginger Gherardi, Ventura County Transportation Commission

Charles Field, Amador County

Scott Ferguson, the Nature Conservancy

Ron deCarli, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

Mitzi Taggart

Laura Cohen, Rails to Trails Conservancy

Jennifer Greene, the Trust for Public Lands

Bill Havert, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy

Vic Kamhi, LACMTA

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the TEA Program design proposed by Chairman Wolf. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

4.6 Policy on Front Loading of State/Federal Share of Joint State/Local Projects
Resolution G-98-17

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the policy and changes per SB 45 as shown on the pink handout in paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6.

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the policy with the changes on the pink handout. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Diener and Kozberg were absent).

4.7 Revision to Resolution G-98-14, Delegation of Authority to Department of
Transportation for Distribution of Planning, Programming, and Monitoring
Funds. (See related Project Business Matter under item 2.5h.)
Resolution G-9818 Replacing G-98-14

Norma Ortega, Caltrans, reviewed the resolution revision for delegating authority to Caltrans for distribution of planning, programming, and monitoring funds. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the revision. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Diener, Fleming, and Kozberg were absent).

4.8 Delegation of Approval of Director's Deeds of \$100,000 or Less

This item was pulled by the Department prior to the meeting.

4.9 Review of G-11 Process

Executive Director Remen described the G-11 process.

4.10 Technical Changes to 1998 STIP
Resolution G-98-19 Amending Resolution G-98-08

Deputy Director Dave Brewer reviewed the technical changes to the STIP and noted they were essentially all non-substantive.

Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the changes. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

5. MODAL ISSUES**5.1 Rail -**

No Items This Month

5.2 Highways

- Status Report on Schuyler Heim Bridge Retrofit Versus Replacement

This item was withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting.

6. OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director